



Rugged Report



14th Combat Engineer Battalion FRG Command

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This FRG Command Information Letter is provided to all spouses of soldiers within the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion with the sole purpose of providing

for the well being of family members of the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion, as authorized by DA PAM 608-47 and verified by my signature.

"RUGGED 6" Corner...

Greetings RUGGED Battalion! By the time you get this we will have had a great August. We finished an outstanding training exercise that included going to Yakima Training Center for a few days and conducting Platoon External Evaluations here on Fort Lewis.

We had a good opportunity to shake out our FRG phone rosters by testing them before we went to Yakima and while we were there. Hopefully we had your correct phone number and address and were able to get our messages out to you.

After mailing out our first edition of the Rugged Report last month, we had approximately 25 letters returned because of addresses that were not correct. We encourage you to make sure you and everyone you know on the FRG trees have current information. Being able reach all of our RUGGED families is critical. We will have another good opportunity to exercise our rosters before going to the field again in November.

Lisa and I tried to get out to all the wonderful FRG events this month, there were so many of them. You all did great and are continuing to make a great contribution to our Battalion and to our Nation!

September will be busy as usual as we recover from the field and 11th Chem spends the month at Yakima Training Center helping train the Japanese Army during the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise... Go CHEM DAWGs!

Also in September, if you want an opportunity to give input and suggestions to the senior leadership of the Army, volunteer to participate in this year's Army Family Action Plan Conference 23-24 Sept. You can volunteer by contacting your Company FRG rep.

The 555th Combat Engineer Group is hosting their 3rd in a series FRG Family Reintegration Workshop 20 October 2004. You should have received a survey from your company. The survey is your opportunity to recommend the topics and the format for the workshop. Talk to your

MICHAEL W. BROBECK, COMMANDER, 14TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

FRG Leader's Corner...

Well, it's September, and that means the kids go back to school! The summer went by very quickly.

I am looking for volunteers to help out with this year's Harvest Fest in October. Nothing is locked in, to include the date. So, if you have ideas, I need them!! Please contact me or your company FRG reps if you desire to help out.

C Co did a great job August 16th hosting the wife of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General Cody, to their FRG meeting. Mrs. Cody got an up and personal look at a great FRG meeting. She addressed those in attendance, thanking them for their service to their loved ones, their installation, and to the Nation! She wanted us to be sure we knew that all of our efforts are extremely important because we never know when we could find ourselves deploying again. Again, we want to thank Novella Cummings and Becky Kelly and the rest of the C Co crew for hosting this event and doing a great job!

I also had a great time this month getting out to the other company events such as 11th Chem's booth at the American Lake Country Fair where they raised money selling roasted corn and helping MWR set up and tear down for the overall event.

HHC also had a successful bake sale and Alpha Company had their "Jayne Wayne" day.

Well, good luck getting your school year started and I look forward to seeing you at all of the upcoming FRG events.

September Events:

3-6 Sept: Labor Day Holiday

11 Sept: Military Family Support March at the Wal-Mart located in Lacey (see your company FRG Rep for more details).

11-12 Sept: McChord Air Show

11-12 Sept: B Co Drill Weekend

17-20 Sept: Comp Days from Platoon EXEVALS

23-24 Sept: Army Family Action Plan Conference. This is your opportunity to tell the senior leaders of the Army your issues and concerns. (see your company FRG Rep for details).

27 Sept - 1 Oct: Fall Clean Up

Recurring Events:

14 Sept (1830): Bn FRG Steering Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of every month)

28 Sept (0900-1415): Corps New Comer's Orientation. Mandatory for CPT and below within 30 days of arrival. Free on-site child care and lunch.

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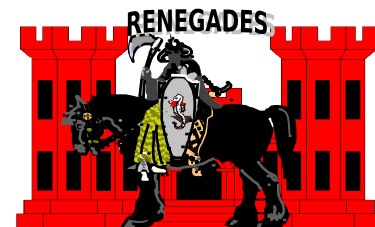
Commander's Name: LTC Michael W. Brobeck
~~Lisa Brobeck~~ Gerrid Allen

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14TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION (C) (W)

FRG Newsletter, September 2004



Contact Numbers: Company Commander: CPT Heather Maginn (253) 966-3096

FRG Leader - Gina

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Hello Renegade families and Welcome to all our new soldiers and their families:

SPC Erwin Cox, PFC Ricardo and Jennifer Deleon, SPC Acy and Anna James, PVT Jairo Ramirez, PV2 Jason Reeves, SGT Dana and Hope Young.

Operator/Mechanic/Cook Boards:

There was some tough competition, but none could touch the Renegades this month. Great job to the following individuals for winning their boards:

SPC Patrick Strobbe: Operator of the Month
SPC Ryan Patrick: Mechanic of the Month
SGT Samuel Kotey: Cook of the Quarter

Promotions:

SGT John Simon to SSG
CPL Jesse Lincoln to SGT

Re-enlistments:

Congratulations to all military families who will continue to be so, due to the following re-enlistments:

SSG Jeffrey Smith, SGT Melissa Varelas, SGT

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SSG Jeffrey Smith, HHC Maintenance Section

Training Calendar Highlights:

We will start off September with a long four day weekend to celebrate labor day from 3-6 September. During the following week we will be recovering our equipment from the field. From 17-20 September your soldier can expect to enjoy another long weekend off. This four day is a comp day to the field exercise in August, where we will work through the weekends.

October will begin with "Fall Cleanup". During this week the entire post will come together to clean-up and repair all living areas, business areas, and ranges. Your family will be free to celebrate Columbus Day with a four day weekend from 8-11 October. For Halloween, the company will be joining the entire battalion for a Halloween party and haunted house.

Next FRG Meeting: 21 September 2004

(Our meetings are held the third Tuesdays of the month at 1830 in the battalion classroom.)

Announcements:

The FRG will be hosting another fundraiser September 16 from 11-2 in the company area. This will include selling lunch and baked goods. We would love to have your help or if you can't be there, feel free to send some items with your spouse.

We raised over \$280 at our last fundraiser on 12 August. GREAT JOB TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT!! THANKS TO ALL WHO BOUGHT LUNCH AND SUPPORTED THE FRG!! These funds will go toward our Halloween party for all families and single soldiers.

To all the spouses, thanks for all that you do. Your support keeps us going. Warmest Regards,

ALPHA COMPANY

14TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION (C) (W)

FRG Command Information Letter, September 2004

Contact Numbers: Company Commander: CPT Kenneth Frey (253) 966-4029

FRG Leader – Kathryn Betz

Commander's Corner

By Captain Frey

FIDO will be conducting a range week September 13-16 on almost all of our weapon systems. All of these ranges require a night qualification and with the late Northwest sunsets means we'll be home late. Good thing is 17-20 September is a four-day weekend for the entire battalion as compensation for our August field time.

Kathryn Betz is coordinating to conduct some cookout fundraisers at one or more of these ranges to build the FRG coffers a little more for some upcoming planned events. Among them is a pistol shooting competition for the spouses and a holiday party in December. We've discussed these events and others in great detail and I believe the FRG is in for some fun times ahead.

At the last FRG meeting I announced by incentive plan to encourage spouses to train on the Army Family Team Building levels. If 50% of a platoon's spouses complete Level 1 training, I will give the entire platoon a three-day pass. If 25% of a platoon's spouses complete Level 2 training, I'll give another three-day pass. This is how important I feel the program can be to spouses to prepare them for short and long company deployments.

I encourage everyone to attend the monthly FRG meetings. They are the best forum I can offer to keep you apprised of the company's activities and what their impact is on home life. I will also work to continue guest speakers such as the Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building ones we had in August.

FIDO!

8/22 FRG Ice Cream/Pizza Social!!!
5:00pm@ Battalion Class Room (FRG
Will provide ice cream and pizza. Each
platoon member is asked to bring an
ice cream topping of their choice.)
KIDS ENCOURAGED TO COME!!!

KEEP IN MIND

9/2-10/04 Sapper Leader Course Training

9/3-6 is Labor Day weekend

9/11-12 McChord AFB Air show

9/13-16 A. Co Range Week

9/17-20 Battalion Field Training Exercise Comp. Days

9/21 A. Co. FRG Meeting @6:30 in Battalion Class Room

9/27-10/01 Fall Clean-up Around Post

NEWS AROUND POST

The Ft. Lewis thrift shop is in need of volunteers. You get first choice of consigned items brought in for sale. UP to 20 hours paid childcare and half price thrift shop property on days you volunteer. Please inquire at the Ft. Lewis Thrift Shop.

FUTURE FRG EVENT

Sept. 14 there will be a hamburger/hotdog sale and bake sale at the range. (Time to be announced.) FYI In need of volunteers to help with the sale and to bring in bake goods. All of the money raised goes in to the A. Co. FRG funds.

WIVES SHOOT OUT!!

CALLING ALL WIVES!!! Would you like to take out some steam at the shoot'n range??? We are planning a WIVES ONLY shooting day at Bull's Eye in Tacoma, WA. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Suggested entry fee is **\$5.00** per person. If you don't have your own gun you may rent one for **\$5.00**. Ear protection must be worn and is **\$1.50** and eye protection is **\$1.50** as well. You may use your own ammo or can buy theirs. If you use your own there is a **\$1.50** charge for using your own ammo.

A CO. FRG TEAM

Leader: Kathryn Betz

Co-Leader: Tammy Kirsch

Treasure: Stella Valet

BRAVO COMPANY

14TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION (C) (W)

FRG Newsletter, September 2004



Contact Numbers: Company Commander: CPT Shane O'Donnell (253) 512-8318

FRG Leader - Karyn

Bulldog families,

I would like to announce that our FRG has had some turn-over with leaders. Our leaders and their positions are as follows:

FRG Leader: Mrs. O'Donnell

FRG Co-Leader: Mrs. Jones

Secretary: Mrs. Harris

Treasurer: Mrs. Bowman

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11-12 will be our first post-DEMOB drill. We look forward to seeing you all. The afternoon of Sunday the 12th will be an awards ceremony for All soldiers and their families in recognition of the Bulldogs' Mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Every soldier will be recognized.

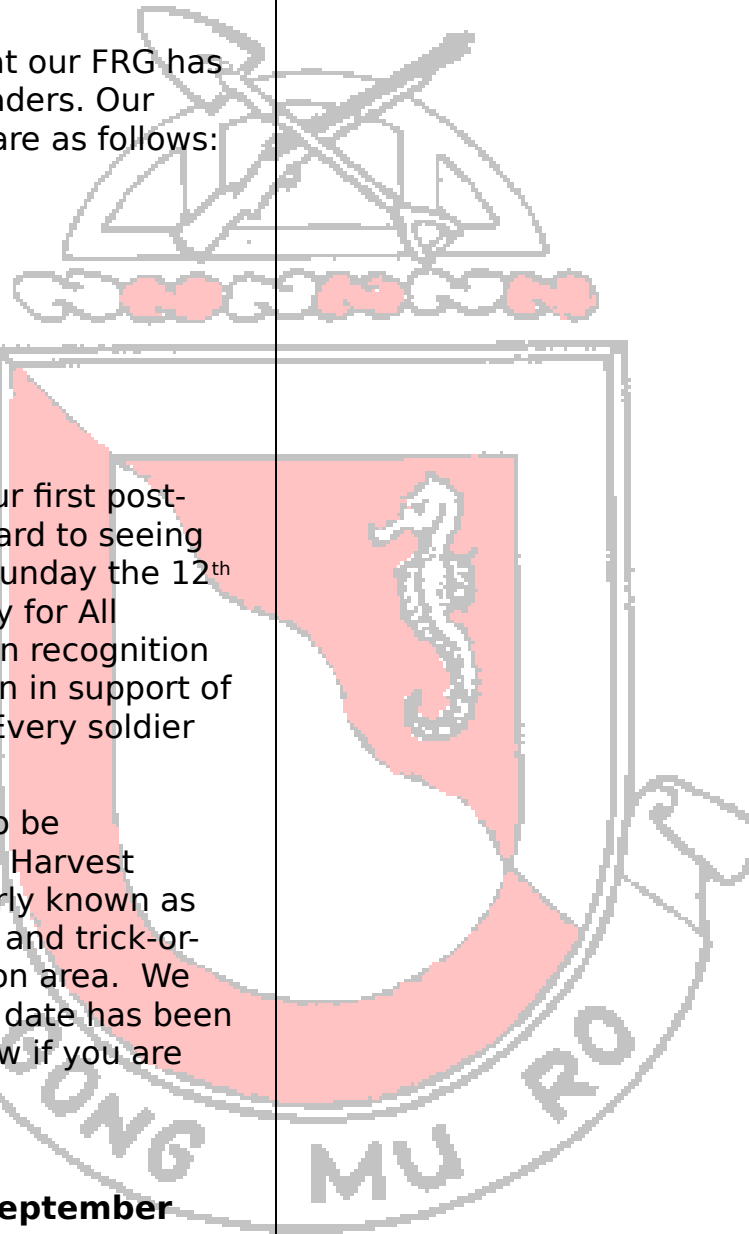
On a date in October still to be determined, there will be a Harvest Festival (the holiday formerly known as Halloween) haunted house and trick-or-treating around the battalion area. We will let you know when the date has been determined but let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

Next FRG Meeting: 12 September

To all the spouses and families, thanks for your continuing support to your soldiers all that you do.

Sincerely,

CPT Shane O'Donnell



"CHARLIE ROCK"



CHARLIE COMPANY

14TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION (C)
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FRG Newsletter

Hello Charlie Company families

The Charlie Company FRG is planning a yard sale for Saturday, September 25th. If you have anything sitting around your home that you would like to donate, please contact one of the FRG Co-Leaders.

In August we raised funds through the FRG Fridge and a Pie in the Face contest. I am not sure who won, but a few Rock soldiers went home smelling of pie (and mustard, ketchup, pudding, etc.)! Since the turnout was low due to Company Missions, we are looking to reschedule.

Upcoming training events in September include recovery from our training at Yakima and Ft Lewis at the end of August, support for Ft Lewis and I Corps taskings, and then preparation for platoon and company training in October (scheduled for 12-15 October and 18-22 October).

We also have 10 soldiers who will be attending Sapper Leader Course at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri from 04 September to 04 October.

Welcome to the following new soldiers:

SSG Randy Ames Johnson	SPC David
PFC Brian Baber Cloutier	PV2 Bradley
PV2 Jimmie Crowe	PV2 Bruce Kelly
PVT Mark Flatley Morris	PVT Richard
PVT Dustin Morrison	

Awards and Promotions:

SSG Randy Ames promoted effective

Volunteers Needed:

We still need more volunteers! If you are interested in the following positions, please contact Novella Cummings or Becky Kelly.

Support Platoon POC

1st Platoon POC

3rd Platoon POC

Secretary

Next FRG Meeting: 27 September 2004
(Our meetings are normally held the third Mondays of the month at 1830 in the battalion classroom.)

Announcements:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following newly married couples!

2LT John Davis and his wife Nanshanta

SSG Jeffrey Grzybowski and his wife Melissa

SPC Jared Steck and his wife Kiersten

SPC Cleveland Jackson and his wife Qui

PFC Zachary Severson and his wife Erica

We have extended the T-Shirt design contest until September 15th. Anyone interested in submitting a design can turn in their design to SFC Wayne by the 15th. The winning designer will win a free T-Shirt and a 4 day pass for the soldier. Spouses may submit designs also - and their spouse will receive the pass.

We are also accepting designs for a company coin, which will be used to acknowledge significant achievements and contributions to Charlie Company. The reward will be the same (free coin and a 4 day pass).

Co Commander: CPT James Bjerkaas (253) 966-3088, Co 1SG: 1SG Giovanni Fuentes (253) 677-9559

FRG Co-Leaders: Novella Cummings (253) 964-8012 & Becky Kelly (253) 964-9983



11th Chemical Company

"SMOKE ON"

Monthly News Letter



Commander: CPT Christopher V. [Image]

First Sergeant: 1SG Anthony P. Q. [Image]

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Commander:

Greetings Dragon Families! Since the last newsletter our tempo has not slowed down. We continue to provide support for the National Advanced Leadership Camp's Protocol and Training Management Committees. The big event on the horizon is the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) Combined Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX), 7-25 September, at the Yakima Training Center (YTC). The JGSDF will bring a tank, aviation, anti-tank, and multiple launch rocket system company to YTC to conduct training. We have been selected to provide the support requirement for this important event. We will be responsible for the firefighting, ammunition guard, liaison officers, and aircraft fuel resupply.

Tell your spouse to bring items to trade with the Japanese (t-shirts, badges, insignias, etc.) and take lots of pictures. At our next FRG meeting on 1 September, I will present a brief to all the soldiers highlighting some custom and courtesies, and key Japanese phrases. Our soldiers will be able to bring cell phones and other creature comforts. I fully expect this to be a great deployment and I am confident 11th CM will represent the United States Army well.

I know some of you have questions about the Company's deactivation and the arrival of the 23rd Chemical Battalion. Unfortunately I don't have any definite answers, but I will keep you and your spouse updated. Please call or email me your concerns.

Thanks for those of you who came out to the Fort Lewis Country Fair, especially those of you who

1SG:

First, I want to welcome all the new soldiers and their families into the DRAGON family. I also want to bid a fond farewell to all our departing soldiers, I wish them the very best in their future.

I want to personally thank everyone that has supported our FRG. Veronica has been working very hard establishing the phone tree and special events. I know she needs a lot of help during fundraisers and FRG meetings. Please give her your ideas so that we can incorporate them into our social events.

I know that your Chemdawgs are pretty busy as the company supports ROTC and Interior Guard, keep them focused on our mission, it will be over soon.

The Army families are the most important asset that we possess. Please talk to your Chemdawgs about reenlisting and staying Army. You also have a part as we defend our Freedom. Thank you for your sacrifices and loyal support.

anthony.p.quichocho@lewis.army.mil

SMOKE ON!

1SG Anthony P. Quichocho
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Departures

The Company unfortunately must say good-bye to some soldiers. We would like to bid farewell to the following Dragon Soldiers and wish them good luck on their future endeavors:

SSG Truskaloski (Fort Drum, NY)
SSG Ritter (Fort Polk, LA)
SGT Truskaloski (Fort Drum, NY)
SGT Schaffer (Fort Polk, LA)

Arrivals

The Company would like to welcome the following Dragon Soldiers and their families to the great Pacific Northwest:

1LT Indyk (3rd Platoon)
2LT Zapolla (4th Platoon)
2LT Wells (1st Platoon)





11th Chemical Company "SMOKE ON" Monthly News Letter



Commander: CPT Christopher V. [Image]

First Sergeant: 1SG Anthony P. Q. [Image]

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FRG:

Greetings Dragon Families! Hopefully every one had a fun filled summer, but now that summer is coming to an end the FRG is busy planning for future events. Some of your ideas include a Harvest Fest, Bowling Party, and a Christmas Party. We are hoping to venture off to Mount St. Helens for a hiking trip sometime this fall. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the above mentioned events please contact me.

I want to thank the 11th Chem family members and soldiers for their outstanding support! There has been a great turn out for our meetings, and we have had a lot of volunteer support for our fundraisers! I especially want to thank the following people for volunteering to be apart of the FRG committee.

Leilani Mina- Co-Leader
Charleen Emmons- Treasurer
Patricia Garcia - Secretary
Andrea Fresquez - Volunteer Coordinator
Beth Quichocho - HHC Point of Contact
Angie Bixenman - Maintenance Point of Contact
Jessica Meredith - Maintenance Point of Contact
Erica Johnson - 1st Platoon Point of Contact
Jennifer Hornyak - 3rd Platoon Point of Contact
Lizzy Zappola - 4th Platoon Point of Contact

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st. It will be held in the Battalion Class Room at 1800. I look forward to seeing you there!

Veronica Sanchez
11th Chem Co FRG Leader
mrssanchezv@msn.com.

Births:

Let's give a welcome to following little dragons:

SPC Holmes gave birth to Jazmyn Lanae Holes, 8.1 lbs, 20.5 inches on 1 August.

Upcoming Events:

1 September

FRG Meeting at 1830 @ the Rugged Battalion Classroom.

3-6 September

Labor Day Holiday Weekend

Upcoming Events (Cont):

7- 25 September

JGSDF @ YTC

7-9 September

AFTB Class Level 1
Waller Hall, Room #106
1700 -2130. To register call (253) 967-2382

11 September

Family Support March @ Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Lacey 0900

13 September

Puyallup Fair Military Appreciation Day. Free Admission w/ military ID.

14, 21,28 September

AFTB Class Level 2 - Free Child care @ Waller Hall, Rm # 106, 0900-1530. To register call (253) 967-2382

25 September

11th Chem returns from the field.
FRG Welcome Pot-luck, TBD

